(b) whether Government are aware that the said river is changing its course between the towns of Azamgarh and Gorakpur thereby endangering the large number of population and villages and further leading to erosion of thousands of acres of agricultural land etc.;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof;

(d) whether assistance of the army authorities has been sought to stop such change of course of the river; and

(e) if so, what are the details thereof and the action Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) The river has been shifting its course within the meander belt causing erosion of its banks as well as some agricultural land.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

Display of price tags by shopkeepers in Delhi

2629. SHRI T. CHANDRASEKHAR REDDY: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that price tags are not displayed on the commodities in Delhi and that buyers have to pay high prices for the commodities;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government propose to make price tag mandatory; and

(d) if so, what steps are being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) to (d) As per information received from the Delhi Administration, price tags are not being displayed on all commodities by traders in Delhi due to practical difficulties. However, when the price of rice and sugar showed an upward trend the Administration directed all the traders to put price tags for these two commodities with effect from 2-8-1985. Thereafter, 1977 checkings were conducted to ascertain if price tags were being fixed for the two commodities. Three violations were detected and FIR lodged in all cases.

Paddy Procurement in Punjab by FCI

2630. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of FOOD and CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the quantity of paddy procured by the Food Corporation of India in Punjab so far in the current season;

(b) what was the quantity procured last year; and

(c) what are the reasons for low procurement this year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) to (c) The Food Corporation of India has procured 18.69 lakh tonnes of paddy in Punjab, upto 9-12-85. Upto the same date last year, the FCI had procured 18.76 lakh tonnes. There is no significant difference in the procurement during the two years.

Magazines|Periodicals brought out by the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting

2631. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) what are the different magazines| periodicals brought out by the various Departments|organs of his Ministry;

(b) what is the total cost incurred on these magazines; and

(c) what is the print order and actual circulation of each of these magazines?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V. N. GADGIL): (a) to (c) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

Names of Magazines/periodicals published during **1984-85** *with their cost of production, print order and circulation, per issues*

Name of Magazines/Periodical	Periodicity	Average Cost of production	Average Print order	Average Circulation
1	2	3	4	5
		Rs.		
Ajkal (Hindi)	Monthly	30,000.00	7,500	7,150
Ajkal (Urdu)	Monthly	35,000.00	10,750	10,300
Bal Bharati (Hindi)	Monthly	1,83,000.00	27,000	27,000
Indian & Foreign Review (English)	Fortnightly	1,50,000.00	29,000	28,750
Kurukshetra (English)	Monthly	44,200.00	13,000	12,780
Kurukshetra (Hindi)	Monthly	29,900.00	6,500	5,000
Yojana (English)	Fortnightly	37,800.00	18,000	17,900
Yojana (Hindi)	Do.	35,550.00	9,500	9,400
Yojana (Assamese)	Do.	3,040.00	1,600	1,100
Yojana (Bengali)	Do.	5,200.00	1,600	1,500
Yojana (Gujarati)	Do.	5,250.00	1,500	1,480
Yojana (Marathi)	Do.	4,000.00	2,000	2,000
Yojana (Malayalam)	Do.	3,400.00	1,500	1,500
Yojana (Tamil)	Do.	13,000.00	13,000	12,600
Yojana (Telugu)	Do.	3,420.00	2,100	2,000
Yojana (Urdu)	Do.	3,780.00	700	700
Yojana (Kannada)@	Monthly	8,750.00	2,500	@Printing taken up, in August 1985.
Yojana (Panjabi)@	Monthly	6,000.00	1,000	
Employment News (English)	Weekly		2,11,350	2,11,350
Rozgar Samachar (Hindi)	Do.	2,59,154.00	65,250	65,250
Rozgar Samachar (Urdu)	Do.		1,000	1,000
Akashvani (English)	Fortnightly	20,21,940.00*	10,560	10,410
Akashvani (Hindi)	Do.	6,69,330.00*	2,170	2,020
Awaz (Urdu)	Do.	9,66,560.00*	2,760	2,610
Akashi (Assamese)	Do.	3,60,471.00*	4,027	4,025
Betar Jagat (Bengali)	Do.	15,18,173.00*	7,678	7,657

1	2	3	4	5
Nabhovani (Gujarati)	Do.	44,812.00*	300	286
Vani (Telugu)	Do.	4,48,599.00*	7,113	7,113
Vanoli	Do.	11,10,745.00*	8,029	7,768
*Bhagirath (English) . . .	Quarterly	38,000.00	2,720	2,704
**Bhagirath (Hindi) . . .	Do.	25,000.00	2,250	2,221

*Approx. total cost during the year 1984-85.

**The entire work relating to publication and circulation has since been transferred to Central Water Commission.

Regulation of services watchmen of the Food Corporation of India

2632. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Industrial Tribunal (Central Government) Chandigarh has in case No. ID 18 of 1983 held *vide* order dated the 29th September, 1984 that the watchmen employed by the Food Corporation of India on casual basis were entitled to have their service regularised; and

(b) if so, what action the Food Corporation of India has taken thereafter in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Food Corporation of India filed an appeal before the Honourable Punjab and Haryana High Court who quashed the award of Industrial Tribunal, Chandigarh. The Food Corporation of India Class-IV Employees Union has filed a petition for special leave to appeal before the Supreme Court of India. The matter is *sub-judice*.

Guidelines for procurement of seeds by States

2633. SHRI J. P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have issued certain guidelines to the State Governments in regard to the procurement of seeds; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CO-OPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) No, Sir. The Government of India have not issued any guidelines for procurement of seeds by the States.

(b) Does not arise.

Suspension of services of development news magazine and science features of TVNF

2634. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state what were the circumstances under which his Ministry asked Doordarshan to suspend the services of Development News Magazine and Science Features of TVNF after the country-wise tenders last year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V. N. GADGIL): Doordarshan had been getting short programmes from TVNF on science and developmental subjects on the long term basis. This procedure has been reviewed after the introduction of ENG video recording facilities and announcement of new stringership scheme. On account of ENG video recording facilities, Doordarshan has received proposals for preparation of science and developmental programmes from various parties